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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 53012 WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/DE2004/001992	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 08 September 2004 (08.09.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 19 September 2003 (19.09.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
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1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI	Certain documents cited
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII	Certain observations on the international application

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 53012 WO		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below	
International application No. PCT/DE2004/001992	International filing date (day/month/year) 08.09.2004	Priority date (day/month/year) 19.09.2003	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC D06C7/02			
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Translation

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement																									
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<p>2. Citations and explanations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reference is made to the following document: D1: DE 1 196 156 B Document D1 is considered to be the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1. It discloses (the references between parentheses relate to this document) a nozzle blowing case of a tenter frame for treating a textile web of fabric, which is spread out and moved in its longitudinal direction, with a treatment agent stream optionally from at least two different nozzle types (25, 26), the nozzles (25, 26) being provided in a blowing-out surface area (24) extending parallel to the surface area of the web of fabric, a slide (23) that is movably mounted within the blowing case being provided for selecting the nozzle type that is respectively desired, and the slide (23) having through-holes, which in one position of the slide open the path of the treatment agent stream at least partially through one nozzle type (25) and in another position of the slide open the path of the said stream at least partially through the other nozzle type (26). 2.1 The subject matter of claim 1 therefore differs from the known nozzle blowing case in that, in the blowing-out surface area, a slotted nozzle extending 																										

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over the width of the web of fabric is provided as a blowing-out means to be opened and closed by the slide as an alternative to a multiplicity of hole-type nozzles.

- 2.2 The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).
- 2.3 The problem addressed by the present invention can therefore be considered that of treating products of varying quality rapidly one after the other with the same machine without streaks and with optimum evaporating capacity.
- 2.4 The use of a slotted nozzle, proposed for this problem in claim 1 of the present application, as a blowing-out means as an alternative to a multiplicity of hole-type nozzles is neither known from the available prior art nor suggested by it. This solution therefore involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).
3. Claims 2-11 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meets the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

1. Claim 1 is not supported by the description, as prescribed in PCT Article 6, since the feature of claim 1 that the slotted nozzle (18) extends in the longitudinal direction (19) is contrary to the description (see page 2, lines 23-27).
2. The feature of claim 9 that shutter flaps (32) coupled to the slide (24) close and open the slotted nozzle (18) is contrary to the feature of claim 1 that through-holes in the slide (24) open the path of the treatment agent stream (9) through one and/or the other nozzle type(s). As a result, the subject matter of said claim is not clearly defined (PCT Article 6).